

Tir Pontypridd AGM Nov 2025 Minutes

Croeso Members & Special Guests

Ken welcome everyone to the AGM and explained the purpose of the meeting to conduct the Annual General Meeting for the Community Association and provide an update to members on the progress of the Community Benefit Society over the year so far. Ken also thanked Storyville Books for hosting the AGM for the second-year running 😊

Attendance & Apologies

Members in Attendance	Guests in Attendance	Apologies Received
1. Angela Karradog (T)	1. Hannah Hitchens	1. Richard Martin
2. Ken Moon (Ch)	2. Martyn Phillips	2. Stuart Giles
3. Mike Powell (Dir)	3. Vanessa Mathews	3. Calvin Jones
4. Savannah Fecht (Co. S)	4. Richard Huw Morgan	4. Cllr Will Rees
5. Shirely Doyle (Com)	5. Anne Marie Coggins	5. Lydia Godden
6. Eleri Griffiths	6. Alison Tray	6. James Doyle
7. Jeffery Baxter	7. Richard Beer	7. Andrew Sowerby
8. Vicky Goodban	8. Prof Scott Orford	8. Chris Finch
9. Ben Hicks	9. Maya Lee	9. Stuart Jones
10. Helen Morgan		10. Stuart Jones
11. Walter De-Witt		11. Hayley Richards
		12. Catrin Doyle
		13. Anne-Mie Melis

Minutes & Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous year's AGM were approved.

At the 2024 AGM the following motion had been put forward and confirmed:

- to create a Place for Nature on the board.
- To a Change in Members Voting Rights

Chris Finch had stepped forward at the AGM and expressed an interest in getting involved in the organisation. Chris has a background as a professional ecologist and become an advisor on matters of ecology.

The change in voting rights motion agreed all members can vote on how the organisation is run, but only those who live locally can vote on matters relating to land. *Ken explained that we have since had advice from Co-ops UK that under the Community Benefit Society all members will be able to vote at general meetings on all matters put forwards.*

Ken gave an update on the work program that had been agreed the previous year...

1. We had support from Cwmpas & Co-operatives UK over the course of the year to register Tir Pontypridd Cymdeithas Cyfyngedig Ltd as an incorporated Community Benefit Society with the Financial Conduct Authority. This process was finalised in February 2025 when the FCA confirmed our registration as society no. 9479.
 - o You can look up our details on the public mutuals register [here](#).

Our AGM was 2025 kindly hosted by Storyville Books
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2. The process of starting the transfer of assets e.g. Bank Account, Membership etc has begun but will not be completed until 2025-6.
3. We started work to strengthen the governance of the board in early 2024 by voting in a new board of directors to begin taking forwards the establishment of the CBS.
4. We continued promoting and marketing the organisation much as we had been the previous year – see Annual Impact Report.
5. We made some further steps in growing the membership to generate income – see Annual Impact Report.
6. We took greater efforts to involve the membership in the organisation's activities with members volunteering at several events and running an Orchard workshop.
7. We started looking towards purchasing our first plot of land and began conversations with Woodland Savers (Common Ownership) regarding Llwyncelyn Farm, near Porth.
8. Whilst we had agreed to shut down the Community Association over the course of this year, we found that we would not be able to do this until all members have transferred over to the new Community Benefit Society and that we might have reason to keep it in hand to support initiatives. See motions below.

Annual Impact Report (see attached)

Ken ran through the events, and activities we have been involved in over the course of the year and outlined the organisations progress over the course of the year against the agreed workplan (above) and the original business plan written in November 2021.

Treasurers Report (see attached)

Angela explained that she has taken on the role of treasurer from Wayne Chicken who had stepped down over the course of the year. Angela then gave an up-date on the Finance & Membership situation over the course of the year.

Nominations & Voting

Ken made a formal note of thanks to committee members Louise Tucker & Wayne Chicken who stepped down from their committee roles over the course of the 2024-2025 period. Ken also made a formal note of thanks to Catrin Doyle who stepped back from her committee role for the time being.

This leaves Ken Moon, Mike Powell and Shirely Doyle on the Committee of the original Tir Pontypridd Community Association with Angela Karadog as acting treasurer. No nominations to join the committee had been received. Members were therefore asked to vote, and the Tir Pontypridd Community Association Committee was confirmed as:

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| - Ken Moon, Chair | - Mike Powel |
| - Angela Karadog, acting Treasurer | - Shirely Doyle. |
| - Vacant – Secretary | |

Ken then introduced the founding board members of the Community Benefit Society as:

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| - Ken Moon (Chair) | - Savannah Fecht (Co. Sec) |
| - Mike Powel (Dir) | - Angela Karadog (Finance) |

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Savannah Fecht has agreed to the role of company secretary as an interim measure to allow us to move forwards with incorporation. We are therefore looking for someone who can take a lead on fulfilling this critical role and members were invited to express their interest in this. No members expressed an interest in doing so and so Savannah was confirmed as secretary until we're able to recruit a new secretary.

Angela would also like additional support with the finance and membership role and invited members to put themselves forwards if they would be interested. No members expressed an interest in doing so in the meeting.

Other ways members can support the running of the organisation are by volunteering as:

- **An Advisor to the board:** In addition to our 4 board members, we also have a small team of members who volunteer their skills & time to help us to make better decisions. E.g. Chris Finch who stepped forward as an advisor over the past year is a professional ecologist and a very helpful addition to the team.
- **A Representative of Tir Pontypridd:** We've recently become part of several regional / national areas of work and we're looking for people who can represent Tir Pontypridd as part of these emerging collaboratives networks / organisations:
 - o Land Reform Cymru
 - o Valleys Community Energy
 - o Rewilding Cymru
- **A Local Project Leads:** We are keen to support members to develop their own local land-based projects in and around Pontypridd. This could help to access a piece of land or simply help to develop your project idea.
- **Helping at community events:** several members have supported us over the last year is by volunteering their time to act as event stewards, person the Tir Pontypridd stall and grow and sell plants.

If you have a set of skill, experience or knowledge which you would like to make available to help us to make better decisions, or if you have an interest in a specific topic or would like to lead on developing a local land-based project, or volunteer in any other capacity then please do let us know by emailing tirpontypridd@gmail.com

Motions Received

1. Future of Community Association & Bank Account
 - Ken explained that as the organisations members, policies, insurance and banking have all been sat with the existing community association it has been necessary to retain it during the process of establishing the new incorporated organisation (see outline work programme below).
 - In addition, it might be useful to retain the Community Association in a dormant state for use by members as and when there is a need to establish a local members group to lead on a specific community project. Ken gave the example of some land above Graigwen where the new owners are interested in working with the local community to establish an orchard.
 - Members agreed to retain the existing Community Association for the time being.
2. Confirm continued delivery of work programme 2025-6
 - i. Strengthen the Governance of the Board

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- ii. Transfer Membership to Community Benefit Society
- iii. Continue promoting and marketing the organisation better!
- iv. Focus on growing the membership to generate income.
- v. Involve the membership more in the organisation's activities.
- vi. Work to purchase our first plot of land.
- Ken asked if members were happy to confirm the work programme.
- The work programme was confirmed.

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- Christmas Drinks / Christmas Meal
 - o Ken explained that whilst last year's Christmas meal was well attended and enjoyable it took as much work to organise a Tir Pontypridd event and so he would not be organising a meal this year.
 - o Ken asked if anyone else would like to do so, but no members volunteered.
 - o It was agreed that members would attend the December People Planet Pint in Clwb Y Bont instead.

Formal Closure of AGM

- The AGM was then officially brought to a close and our guest speakers introduced.

Special Guest Speakers: Introducing The Public Map Platform Project to Pontypridd!

- Maya Lee, Community Mapper & Prof Scott Orford, Cardiff University

Main points...

- The Public Map Platform is an Arts and Humanities Research Council funded project that brings together community voices to shape a more sustainable and inclusive future.
- The work of the Public Map Platform focuses on green transition behaviours and aligns closely with Wales' Well-being of Future Generations Act, supporting informed decision-making and fairer resource allocation across communities.
- Following a successful first phase on Ynys Mon, PMP has received a second round of funding to expand across Wales — including Gwynedd, Wrexham, and Rhondda Cynon Taf — as well as into Cambridge.
- Phase 1 of the project on Ynys Mon Maya focused on social mapping in schools and developing the third and final workshop session. She also created a zine map exploring young people's sense of place on the island.
- Now newly settled in Cardiff, Maya hopes that Phase 2 in Pontypridd will allow her to continue her creative approach to mapping while learning more about the history and local contexts of South Wales to better inform her work.
- The PMP team are excited to bring the project to Pontypridd, working with local residents, organisations, and stakeholders to ensure their voices are heard and reflected in shaping the town's sustainable future.

You can read more about phase 2 of the Public Map Platform Project in this blog by the Principal Investigator Flora Samuel here: <https://publicmap.org/en/blog/exciting-plans-afoot-phase-2-of-public-map>

- If you would like to get involved with the Pontypridd Map Platform Project then please contact TirPontypridd@Gmail.com and we'll put you in touch.